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RE: Woghiren v Wyeth et al

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### **TRACKING ORDER - F TRACK**

You are hereby notified that this case is on the **fast (F) track** as per Superior Court Standing Order 1-88. The order requires that the various stages of litigation described below must be completed not later than the deadlines indicated.

### **STAGES OF LITIGATION**

### **DEADLINE**

Service of process made and return filed with the Court	12/06/2004
Response to the complaint filed (also see MRCP 12)	02/04/2005
All motions under MRCP 12, 19, and 20 filed	02/04/2005
All motions under MRCP 15 filed	02/04/2005
All discovery requests and depositions completed	07/04/2005
All motions under MRCP 56 served and heard	08/03/2005
Final pre-trial conference held and firm trial date set	09/02/2005
Case disposed	11/01/2005

The final pre-trial deadline is <u>not the scheduled date of the conference</u>. You will be notified of that date at a later time.

Counsel for plaintiff must serve this tracking order on defendant before the deadline for filing return of service.

This case is assigned to session D sitting in CtRm 2 (Lawrence) at Essex Superior Court.

Dated: 10/20/2004

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WYETH,	SEP - 7 2004
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#### **COMPLAINT**

In this action the plaintiff Clement Woghiren (the "Plaintiff" or "Dr. Woghiren"), 1. a Principal Scientist/Manager for Wyeth's subdivision, Wyeth BioPharma (the "Defendant" or "Wyeth"), seeks damages for the Defendant's illegal, discriminatory and retaliatory actions. Specifically, the Defendant has engaged in a race-based and concerted campaign to strip Dr. Woghiren of his authority and responsibilities at Wyeth and, after he complained about Wyeth's discriminatory conduct, illegally retaliated against Dr. Woghiren by concocting "performance" issues designed to support an otherwise unsupportable demotion and termination.

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- During the course of 2004, Dr. Maratea continued to belittle Dr. Woghiren's 40. accomplishments and to ascribe his successes to his subordinates.
- In the aftermath of the "reorganization" Dr. Woghiren made it clear that he would 41. not be forced out of the company in this manner.
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that Wyeth is helping Dr. Woghiren succeed.

Dr. Woghiren refused to allow himself to be manipulated in this manner and filed 46.

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projects and counseled him when he did not meet pressing deadlines.

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Maratea assumed responsibility for meeting the "pressing" deadlines for the "urgent" projects -

neither Dr. Maratea nor any other Wyeth employee performed any task relating to the

purportedly urgent projects and Dr. Woghiren continued where he left off prior to his leave of

absence.

50. Wyeth has retaliated against Dr. Woghiren for asserting his rights by, among

other things, informing him that he is not acceptably performing pursuant to the PIP.

51. Dr. Woghiren fully expects Wyeth to discharge him for failing to meet stated

"goals".

Indeed, Wyeth has indicated that it intends to terminate Dr. Woghiren's 52.

employment shortly.

- 53. Wyeth's discriminatory and retaliatory treatment of Dr. Woghiren has caused him great anxiety and depression.
- 54. He took a leave of absence from the workplace to attend to his health issues from July 14, 2004 through August 17, 2004.

### COUNT I (Discrimination)

- 55. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 54 of the Complaint.
- 56. Dr. Woghiren has timely satisfied all statutory prerequisites to filing this suit pursuant to M.G.L. c. 151B.
- 57. Wyeth discriminated against Dr. Woghiren because of his race, national origin and/or background in violation of M.G.L. c. 151B.
- 58. As a result of the Defendant's discriminatory acts, Dr. Woghiren has suffered lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses including, but not limited to emotional distress and mental anguish.

### COUNT II (Retaliation)

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As a result of the Defendant's retaliatory acts, Dr. Woghiren has suffered lost 62. income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses including, but not limited to emotional distress and mental anguish.

### WHEREFORE, the plaintiff Clement Woghiren prays that this Court:

- Enter judgment against the Defendant, Wyeth and in favor of (a) the Plaintiff, Clement Woghiren on Count I of this Complaint for Mr. Woghiren's lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses including, but not limited to emotional distress and mental anguish, his reasonable attorneys fees and costs of litigation;
- Enter judgment against the Defendant, Wyeth and in favor of (b) the Plaintiff, Clement Woghiren on Count II of this Complaint for Mr. Woghiren's lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses including, but not limited to emotional distress and mental anguish, his reasonable attorneys fees and costs of litigation;
- Award the Plaintiff his costs, expenses and attorneys' fees; (c)
- Grant such other and further relief as appropriate. (d)

Respectfully Submitted,

CLEMENT WOGHIREN.

By his attorneys,

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. 4(e) and (f), the affiant, John F. Tocci, Esq., hereby swears and affirms as follows.

- 1. My name is John F. Tocci, Esq. and I am an adult Massachusetts resident.
- 2. I am an officer of the court and counsel to the plaintiff in the above-captioned matter, Clement Woghiren (the "Plaintiff").
- I hereby certify that Kenneth O'Brien, Esq. the General Counsel of Wyeth, the defendant in the above-referenced matter (the "Defendant"), has accepted service of process on behalf of the defendant of the Summons and Complaint filed by the Plaintiff.
- 4. I certify that a copy of the Summons and Complaint was served upon Mr. O'Brien on or before **September 13, 2004**.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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By his attorneys,

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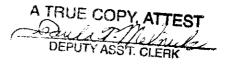
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- 61. As a result of the Defendant's discriminatory acts, Dr. Woghiren has suffered lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses including, but not limited to emotional distress and mental anguish.

### COUNT II (Retaliation)

- 62. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 61 of the Complaint.
- 63. Dr. Woghiren has timely satisfied all statutory prerequisites to filing this suit pursuant to M.G.L. c. 151B and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
- 64. Wyeth discriminated against Dr. Woghiren because of his race, national origin and/or background in violation of M.G.L. c. 151B and retaliated against Dr. Woghiren for exercising his rights in seeking redress for the Defendant's discriminatory acts.
- 65. As a result of the Defendant's retaliatory acts, Dr. Woghiren has suffered lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses including, but not limited to emotional distress and mental anguish.

### WHEREFORE, the plaintiff Clement Woghiren prays that this Court:

- (a) Enter judgment against the Defendant, Wyeth and in favor of the Plaintiff, Clement Woghiren on Count I of this Complaint for Mr. Woghiren's lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses including, but not limited to emotional distress and mental anguish, his reasonable attorneys fees and costs of litigation;
- Enter judgment against the Defendant, Wyeth and in favor of (b) the Plaintiff, Clement Woghiren on Count II of this Complaint for Mr. Woghiren's lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses including, but not limited to emotional distress and mental anguish, his reasonable attorneys fees and costs of litigation;
- (c) Award the Plaintiff his costs, expenses and attorneys' fees;
- (d) Grant such other and further relief as appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted.

**CLEMENT WOGHIREN** 

By his attorneys,

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, ss.		SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
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CLEMENT WOGHIREN,	)	
Plaintiff,	) ) )	
V.	j	CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-01666-D
WYETH, And WYETH BIOPHARMA,	) ) )	
Defendants.	) ) )	

### **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE**

Please take notice that Michael A. Fitzhugh and Edward P. O'Leary, of the law firm Fitzhugh, Parker & Alvaro LLP, hereby enter their appearance on behalf of the defendants, Wyeth and Wyeth Biopharma, in the above captioned lawsuit.

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### NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The defendants, Wyeth and Wyeth Biopharma, hereby give notice that they have this day served a Notice of Removal to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(a). A copy of the defendant's Notice of Removal is attached hereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, the filing of this Notice removes this action to the Federal Court, and this Court may "proceed no further unless and until the case is remanded." 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CLEMENT WOGHIREN, Plaintiff,

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Docket No.

WYETH, And WYETH BIOPHARMA, 0 4
Defendants.

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

TO THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATED DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS:

The defendants, Wyeth and Wyeth Biopharma ("Defendants"), file this Petition for Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(a), and respectfully submit that:

- 1. On or about October 8, 2004, Defendants received a Summons, together with the Amended Complaint in the matter entitled Clement Woghiren v. Wyeth and Wyeth Biopharma, Essex County Superior Court, Civil Action No. 04-01666-D. True, accurate and complete copies of the Summons and Complaint are attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Summons and Complaint constitute all process, pleadings and orders served upon the defendants in this matter to date.
- 2. Removal to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in Boston is appropriate as: (1) in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1441(b), the United States District Court has original jurisdiction over the action; and (2) the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Eastern Section embraces the place, *i.e.*, Essex County, where the action is pending. 28 U.S.C. §1441(a).
- 3. Original jurisdiction is based upon diversity of the parties and an amount in controversy in excess of \$75,000.00 as set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (a)(1) and (b), respectively. Clement Woghiren, is a resident of Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The sole proper defendant and entity amenable to suit is Wyeth, which is a corporation duly

organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and headquartered at Madison, New Jersey. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, inasmuch as the plaintiff has alleged in the Complaint that he has suffered damages for wrongful discharge and retaliation in violation of G.L. ch. 151B, § 1 et seq., for, inter alia, lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses, emotional distress and mental anguish, attorney's fees and costs due to "Discrimination based upon his race, national origin and/or background." See Amended Complaint, attached hereto as "Exhibit A," ¶ 60, 64.

- An alternate basis for this Court's jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 4. (b), in that the plaintiff has pleaded a claim for wrongful discharge under Title VII of the federal civil rights act, as amended. See Amended Complaint attached hereto as "Exhibit A," ¶ 60.
- This Notice of Removal is being filed within the time period required by law in 5. accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446 (b).
- Promptly after the filing of this Notice of Removal, a copy of the Notice will be 6. filed with the Clerk of Courts for the Essex County Superior Court, and all adverse parties will receive written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants pray that this action be removed from the Essex County Superior Court to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

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Wyeth et al

### **ORDER OF TRANSFER (remand)**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 231, Section 102C, as amended, and in accordance with Superior Court Rule 29, the above referenced case is

ORDER transferring/remanding case to United States District (Patrick Riley, Justice)

Dated at Lawrence, Massachusetts this 20th day of October, 2004.

Thomas H. Driscoll Jr., Clerk of the Courts

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Origin	1	Case <b>Type</b>	B22 - Employment Discrimination
Lead Case		Track	F

Service	12/06/2004	Answer	02/04/2005	Rule12/19/20	02/04/2005
Rule 15	02/04/2005	Discovery	07/04/2005	Rule 56	08/03/2005
Final PTC	09/02/2005	Disposition		Jury Trial	Yes

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10/05/2004	3.0	Amended complaint of Clement Woghiren
10/15/2004	4.0	Atty Michael A Fitzhugh's notice of appearance for Wyeth and Wyeth Biopharma
10/15/2004	5.0	Certified copy of Notice for Removal to the United States District
İ		Court filed by Wyeth and Wyeth Biopharma
10/15/2004	6.0	ORDER transferring/remanding case to United States District (Patrick
•		Riley, Justice)
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